



## **Antitrust Policy**

### **Purpose**

To ensure monitoring of organization activities in order to prevent violations of the antitrust laws. Antitrust Laws are also referred to as "competition laws" and are statutes developed by the government to protect consumers from predatory business practices by ensuring that fair competition exists in an open market economy and seeks to make businesses compete fairly. Texas ENA will adhere to federal and state antitrust laws and regulations applicable to 501(c)(3) organizations, not engaging in any activity that may result in an unreasonable restraint of trade.

### **Procedure**

- A. The national ENA legal counsel will inform the state councils as to the importance of compliance with antitrust laws and regulations and identify changes in the antitrust laws.
- B. Texas ENA board will base business decisions on stated, reasonable criteria that are applied objective, consider all potential vendors, and approve in advance all new programs or changes in existing programs that have potential antitrust implications.
- C. Minutes of all Texas ENA meetings will reflect the business conducted and reflect Texas ENA's policy of complying with the antitrust laws.
- D. Any Texas ENA member with concerns regarding antitrust should immediately contact the Texas ENA president, with initial or follow-up communication in writing. The Texas ENA president will speak with legal counsel at the national ENA about concerns as warranted.

Approved by Texas ENA